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COUNTY AGENT PAYS

Kent County Given Proof Of Fact

The value of a county agriculturist, an official that knows something other than practical politics, has been demonstrated in Grand Rapids, where a huge pile of stone, long an eyesore and white elephant, has been converted into a paying proposition for city and farmers.

Several years ago, after a severe flood, Grand Rapids decided to dredge the river and build retaining walls as a preventive against repetition of the disaster. In the course of the dredging it was found that for a considerable distance the bottom of the river was humped like a camel's back and that the formation was of sedimentary limestone. The stone was removed and piled along the bank for a long distance. How to get rid of the stuff was a problem that has stumped the city ever since. Signs of "This rock free" failed to induce people to haul it away, as it was too soft for building purposes.

Along comes the county agriculturist and pokes his analytical finger into the pile. He was about the only man in Kent county who knew that stone can be used for something besides building purposes. He had several analyses made and the rock was shown to have a large percentage of calcium carbonate, which sweetens acid soil and is likewise a plant food. The city father's attention was called away from political rows long enough to make arrangements to have the rock crushed and ground to the fineness of flour. The product is being sold to farmers at a price that means money to both buyer and seller, and the old eyesore is being removed and utilized to improve farming soil instead of disfiguring the river bank.

Commission Proceedings.

Special meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms, Wednesday evening, July 12, 1916. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross and Lancaster. Absent—Gidley.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Lancaster, the following bills were allowed:

Dwight H. Fitch, salary and rental	\$ 24.17
Standard Oil Co., lubricating oil	10.99
Andrew Berg, rebate on Barkley walk	49.85
Mich. State Tel. Co., rentals	6.25
City Treasurer, payment of labor	28.12
State Bank of E. J., order of Elec. Light Co.	209.70
G. A. Lisk, printing	9.60
East Jordan Lbr. Co., mdse.	13.10
East Jordan Hose Co., Ed. Sandall fire	23.50

Moved by Cross, supported by Lancaster, that another hydrant be installed at the cemetery. Carried.

On motion by Lancaster, it was voted to donate \$50.00 to the East Jordan Hose Co., to pay the expenses of delegates to the state firemen's convention.

On motion by Lancaster, A. E. Cross was granted permission to construct a cement walk along the east side of the following description of property: North 1/2 Lot 23 and all of Lots 23 and 24, Block A, Isaman's Addition to the former village of South Arm.

On motion by Lancaster, meeting was adjourned.

OTIS J. SMITH,
City Clerk.

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Intelligent motherhood conserves the nation's best crop?
Heavy eating like heavy drinking shortens life?

The registration of sickness is even more important than the registration of deaths?

The U. S. Public Health Service co-operates with state and local authorities to improve rural sanitation?
Many a severe cold ends in tuberculosis?

Sedentary habits shorten life?
Neglected adenoids and defective teeth in childhood menace adult health?
A low infant mortality rate indicates high community intelligence?

Care of the Feet

The same care should be given to the feet as to the hands. If they are inclined to swell, hot sea baths will be found very beneficial. Alcohol baths are very good for tender feet, or if they tire easily. Corns and bunions will feel greatly relieved by a daily hot foot bath.

CIRCUS DAY AT EAST JORDAN THIS SATURDAY

Strange sights and still stranger animals will be among the many things that will be unloaded when the big show train of the Sun Brothers' World's Progressive Shows arrive in East Jordan on Saturday, July 22nd. This is the date of the appearance here of this well known amusement enterprise. Long before dawn, the railroad yards will be the center of attraction for the younger generation of town and many a household will be startled from its peaceful slumbers at an unseemly hour by the tinkling of the alarm clock under the pillows of the small boy. In fact, a few comfortable beds will be left undisturbed throughout the entire night, their usual occupants preferring to remain awake and thus run no risk of missing the opportunity of witnessing the arrival and unloading of these great shows. The Sun Brothers' Shows for this season have an all new equipment and brand new plethora of acts and performances in all its departments, in fact it can truthfully be said that it is an all new show. The only recognizable thing of its past seasons is the adherence to their old time policy of never allowing at any time or place any gamblers, sure thing men, confidence games, fortune tellers, dancing girl show or anything in the nature of a roper-in-device. These issues have never been tolerated with this show nor will they ever be countenanced. Two complete performances will be given here during their engagement and the assurance is made that both performances will be presented without any curtailment whatever. Many new and novel free outside exhibitions are offered this season and are said to be of an unusually entertaining and "thriller" character.

Learn a Little Every Day

There are 1,000 kinds of mosquitos. There are 56,000 seeds in a bushel of wheat.

In India, the presence of peacocks denotes that there are tigers in the vicinity.

The U. S. is the greatest wool consuming country while Great Britain is the greatest wool manufacturing country.

The average wealth of the U. S. per capita has increased from \$500 to \$1,500. No other plant gives such a quantity of food to the acre as the banana.

Toads live about fifteen years on the average.

The orange crop of this country started from a few slips sent from Brazil by a missionary.

More than one-half the ministers of the Episcopal church receive less than \$1,500 a year.

Night work in bakeries is now prohibited in Spain.

British life insurance companies, so far, have paid more than \$20,000,000 in losses on war victims.

Deaths from pneumonia in the United States numbered 84,000 last year.

Sheep are used as beasts of burden in northern India.

The total number of savings banks in the United States in 1914 was 2,100.

The world's production of whale oil in 1914 amounted to 750,000 barrels.

Nine cubic inches of water frozen will measure ten cubic inches.

Oil production of Argentina last year amounted to 275,000 barrels.

One-fourth of the world's diet consists of vegetables.

W. C. T. U. Program.

W. C. T. U. Program Friday 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. H. Robertson.

Leader, May L. Stewart. Topic, First Aid.

Song—Mrs. Blanch Dole
Lessons in First Aid as School Work

—Miss Ella Barnett
Violin Solo—Miss Wells

First Aid in Hospital and Field Work
—Mrs. G. J. Zerwekh

Song—Miss Vershel Lorraine
Discussion, What Line of First Aid

Work needs most Attention?

A successful man is entitled to less praise than the man who makes another effort after each failure.

Nothing makes an angry wife so frantic as the refusal of her husband to hand her a line of back talk.

When a man tells a widow that he is not worthy of her love she mildly denies it—but does not argue the point.

WE CAN'T AFFORD IT

What can you not afford? Why, to build concrete roads. Let me tell you something. You cannot afford not to build concrete roads and you cant afford to build any more nine foot roads, for those you already have built will keep you scratching to raise money sufficient to keep them in repair, filling in the chuck holes and ruts and when you have it at its best you haven't much. Because, like the babbling brook, the ruts and holes run on forever.

You have two object lessons in this county at Charlevoix—and this county is the best county in the State of Michigan. Don't forget that. The possibilities are greater here than anywhere else. The concrete pavement on Dixon Avenue has now been down five years and it is not only with all the resort traffic but also with all the coal, grain and merchandise that has been brought into the City for that number of years that it has been maintained with little or no expense and that expense was caused because the foundation was not properly prepared when it was originally built. Another object lesson is the strip opposite the Elston Hotel at the South end of Bridge Street which has been down seven years and has cost absolutely not a dollar for maintenance. It is generally conceded that there is more traffic over Dixon Avenue, in either the month of July or August than there is in a whole year between Boyne City and Charlevoix and the same thing is true of the piece at the South end of Bridge Street, that there is more traffic over it in either the month of July or August than there is in a whole year between East Jordan and Charlevoix.

Here is a case where the maintenance was built into the road. Our slogan should be, "Build the Maintenance Into the Road When Building New Roads."—Van Pelt.

A National Extravagance

Human carelessness causes most fires. Acting upon this fact many foreign municipalities never have a fire but that somebody goes to jail for it. The result of this system is very small waste annually.

Among our national extravagancies none is more conspicuous and unnecessary than our annual losses by fire and from an estimate of the property damage for the first five months of 1916 it looks as if we are in for an unusually extravagant year.

The total fire loss for the end of May was over \$133,500,000. This sum is nearly \$30,000,000 greater than the total for the same months of the preceding year. In May of this year there were eight fires which cost their respective communities more than \$250,000 each.

Except in the case of earthquake or lightning fires are due to some condition of human inefficiency. But it is our national habit to sympathize with losers by fire, no matter what the cause. Only in cases of loss of life do we ever attempt to impress property owners with a sense of their personal responsibility for a disaster.

The European war seems hard to Americans, but it has its points. If the owners or occupants of property in this country on which a fire occurred were looked upon as a menace to public welfare and held accountable to the community fire statistics could shortly be registered in much smaller figures than those for the first half of this year, and in time we might snap our fingers at the great insurance companies that now force us to pay in high rates the price of our extravagance.

DO YOU

Clean your teeth and then Expectorate in the washbowl?

Omit lunch to reduce weight and then Overeat at dinner?

Go to the country for health and then Sleep with your windows shut tight?

Wonder why you have earache and then Blow your nose with your mouth shut?

Old Jokes Re-twisted.

"Has your wife lost her temper lately?"
"No, she lost it permanently shortly after we were married, and she has never recovered it."

He lit a match
To read the meter;
He's pleading now
With old St. Peter.

Time is a vital factor in fighting fire. A flame you could crush between your thumb and finger, in only a few hours may devastate a city.

ELBERT BEDE SAYS

All widows are sweet. They get that way from the necessity they have been under to develop an angelic disposition.

Young folks going to school may learn altogether too much about some things.

The good die young—and most of us prefer to be live ones.

A person who is a leader in a small town is awfully disappointed when he moves to a big one.

When girls see a man who looks like a sure thing, they are willing to take a gambler's chance.

When you see a man who practices what he preaches, he usually is one who doesn't waste words.

If a person can't look you in the eye you have him going, but be sure of your own eye before you start anything.

A salted mine is fixed up to catch the fresh ones.

A man seldom notices that wifey has cleaned the house all up, washed the windows and waxed the floors, but you're darn whistling he notices it if she doesn't.

It's hard for a man to play a game of "cinch" with the children with the same zest that he does a game of "draw" at the club.

If in heaven we can know everything that is going on down here, a lot of us are going to be made unhappy to notice how little we are missed.

How foolish we would feel sometimes if we only knew that those we are telling something to really knew the truth of the whole business.

The time to be sorry about something you've done is before you do it.

Telephones are a nuisance in some ways. It isn't as easy to explain direct to wifey why you are detained down town as it is to send a note, besides when you go home you are not certain that she hasn't called up and has found out that you weren't where you are going to say you were.

We wish we had the brains of Edison—then we could always invent an excuse that would work.

When the party in power is defeated is the only time the opposition admits that the election must have been on the square.

It seems to be war at any price just now.

It has been stated on good authority that only one person in 15,000 understands the currency question. We see no reason for such gross ignorance. All there is to it is to get hold of as much of it as possible and hang on to it as long as possible.

The higher-ups—the aero squadron. It beats all how many flaws the "outs" can find in the record of the "ins" and how quickly the flaws are glossed over when the "ins" tell about it.

When our boy develops a habit that the neighbors talk about, we try to believe the habit is only one of the idiosyncrasies of a genius.

One nice thing about policewomen might be that the servants would not be so sleepy in the mornings.

A woman never misses an opportunity to boast of her influence over some man.

It's easier for trouble to find your address than it is for good luck.

A woman does her duty because she wants to—a man because he has to.

Money also helps the man who tries to help himself.

It is easier for a woman to say she is young than it is to look it.

He laughs best who has the laugh on the other fellow.

A man never knows what is coming to him until he gets it in the neck.

Misfortune is the filler that separates true friends from the counterfeit.

It's funny that the bar associations haven't attracted suspicion in the dry states.

Don't For Mothers

Don't always be saying "Don't!" It is better to take a little more trouble to prevent trouble than always to be devising pains and penalties.

Don't forget that your children must always be doing something.

Don't fail to find new outlets for their superabundant energy.

Don't be like the mother who said, "Nurse, go and see what the children are doing and tell them they must not do it."

Don't however let them grow up thinking that they can't do wrong.

Don't make a habit of distrusting your boys. Distrust is often the cause of deceit.

Don't forget the potent power of suggestion. Keep on telling the child he is bad or wicked and he will become so.

ALONG THE FIRING LINE

The mints are now producing silver halves, quarters and dimes in a new design in which Liberty is outlined before an American flag. In her arms the goddess carries a scarf of laurel and her gaze is fixed upon a rising sun which, the artists say, is symbolical of the dawn of a new day. The design fits the times. The American goddess of liberty has been having a hard time of it for the past three years and the new day which these new coins typify is about to dawn. The goddess is not the only one who is looking for that rising sun of a prolonged Republican day in power.

A Massachusetts free trader takes the trouble of writing to the newspapers to say that he will vote for Wilson. We cannot decide who wasted the more energy—the man who wrote the letter or the editors who printed it.

The demonstration against Mexico will serve one useful purpose for the Democratic administration—all the big appropriations can be charged up against it.

It is scarcely to be expected that Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will agree with anybody else as to the condition of the Treasury at any particular time, but he certainly ought to be able to agree with himself. On June 30, 1915, he issued a statement saying that the excess of ordinary expenditures over receipts for the fiscal year ending on that date was \$35,864,381.56. A year later he issued a statement which included statistics for the same period, but saying that the excess of disbursements for the year ending June 30, 1915, was \$42,867,797.59. If any Democrat is in doubt as to these two conflicting statements having been issued, let him write to the Secretary of the Treasury and get the statements for June 30, 1915 and 1916, both of which give figures for 1915, but differing as above stated. What would Secretary McAdoo do to a National Bank whose statements covering identically the same period of time varied as much as that?

When Vance McCormick gets his campaign movies in operation we shall look to see "The Wobblings of Woodrow" featured alongside of "The Perils of Pauline" and the "Imitations of Imogene" and the "Lamentations of Lydia."

Immediately upon receiving news of the nomination of Hughes and Fairbanks, Guy Bell, editor of the Irvine, Ky., Sun, worked up a Republican meeting and had a Hughes-Fairbanks club organized within 36 hours after the Convention adjourned. If that is the pace they follow in Kentucky, we can tell where the Kentucky vote will be cast in November.

Whenever you see a Democratic newspaper publishing statistics showing how much better business is in any line at the present time as compared with last year or as compared with 1914, sit down immediately and write him a letter asking him to publish comparative statistics showing business conditions under the Democratic tariff law, before the war began, as compared with the corresponding period under the Republican tariff law. You may not get the editor to publish the statistics, but you will give him something to feel ashamed of.

In preparation for a possible war with Mexico, the government has purchased a long line of commodities which the publicity agents of the Wilson administration have been denying the title of "war orders" when sold to Europe. Blankets, for instance, are not "munitions of war" when swelling our export trade, but they suddenly become munitions when we need them for our own soldiers on the way to the border.

The itinerant peddler is a destroyer of local business enterprises. He pays no taxes, he pays no rent, hires no help buys no clothing or lumber or hardware, or jewelry of the local merchants. He employs no local attorney patronizes no local dentist, contributes to no local church or fraternal organization. Because of these things, we impose a license fee upon him in order to force him to help pay local governmental expenses and also to give the local business men the protection to which they are justly entitled. For exactly the same reason, we impose import customs duties upon foreigners who ship goods into this country. We do not believe in a system of government revenue which makes the home business man pay all the taxes and then

permits the foreigner to sell his cheap goods here free. We believe in high import taxes for two reasons—to make the foreigner pay for the privilege of doing business here, and to protect the home business man. This is not partisan politics—it is plain business sense. The political party which will not support such a policy is not merely lacking in political sagacity—it is lacking in business sense. We would not stand for a city council that repealed the peddlers' license nor will we stand for a National administration that repeals the protective tariff duties.

Joseph Daniels' indignant denial of the report that he will resign was unnecessary. He knows that this is his first and last opportunity to hold high place and he has no intention to let go. Equally redundant was his declaration that he intends to take an active part in Wilson's campaign for re-election. A sense of propriety is not one of his strong points. The first assertion is disheartening. The second is measurably gladdening—for the more time Josephus takes away from the Navy Department in pursuit of his activities in the political campaign, the less time he will have to continue his bedevilling of the Navy.

HOME COMING WEEK AT TRAVERSE CITY NEXT WEEK.

Preparations are completed by the Chamber of Commerce for a Home Coming during the week of July 29th, to 29th, that will eclipse anything of this nature that has ever been attempted in Northern Michigan. It will be a week of pageantry, of music and historic carnival. Every day will be a day of features and every feature will be an entertainment in itself.

The day of days will be Friday, July 28, when an immense water and woodland pageant with a cast of hundreds will be staged. The scene of this pageant will be on Boardman lake and Poplar Point, where there is a natural amphitheatre with a seating capacity of thousands. There is no section that is richer in Indian lore than the Grand Traverse region, and from these days of early romance Secretary O. A. Charles is building a scenario that will combine the romantic and historical phases of the first settlers. The pageant as contemplated will call for a cast of from 500 to 700 persons. The actual production and costuming will be directed by Miss Nina C. Lampkin of Chicago, who is without question one of the leading directors of pageantry in the United States.

Another feature of the week is the presence of Governor Ferris at the big basket picnic which will be held at the City Park on Thursday, July 27. Tentative arrangements have been made with the governor to deliver an address at this picnic and unless something unforeseen occurs he will be present on that day.

Then, too, there will be Miss Dolly Randolph of Chicago, and her orchestra comique. These folks perform the incredible task of coaxing music out of washboards, stovepipe and barbed wire. This may seem like a broad statement, but the public is assured that it will be accomplished.

Secretary Charles has also secured John P. Clum of California to deliver one of his travelogues, probably "In the Wake of the Setting Sun". Mr. Clum is well known as a lecturer all over the lecture circuits.

The nights will be devoted to music and tableaux. The music will be worked up by local talent assisted by outside artists. The tableaux will be on a larger scale than the city has ever known before. They will portray the early social and industrial conditions of this region as far back as the Indian occupation.

There has never been any attempt to stage a pageant of any importance in northern Michigan, and this fact alone is depended upon to draw thousands of people from the smaller cities just out of curiosity. Then there are thousands of resorters that are eager for just this sort of entertainment. The price of the tickets will be within the reach of any person and a feature that is sure to please is that the tickets are to be interchangeable and transferable. They will no doubt be made up into books containing a number of tickets corresponding to the number of entertainments during the week. They may be used, however, for any number during the week, or, if desired, the whole book may be used at one time.

A leap year girl who proposed in vain to half a dozen men says there isn't much difference in them—but a lot of indifference.